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SUMMARY: THE UNITED STATES REGARDS THE JULY 20-29 SUGAR CONSULTATIONS AS CRUCIAL. THE UNITED STATES URGES EACH OF THE FIFTEEN COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE RESPONSIBLE POLICY MAKING LEVEL. IN THE CASE OF THE UNITED STATES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ PLANS TO LEAD THE DELEGATION. THE U.S. IS PLANNING TO CONSULT WITH MAJOR IMPORTING AND EXPORTING NATIONS PRIOR TO THE JULY 20 MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. THE US REGARDS THE JULY 20-29 CONSULTATIONS (SEE REFTELS) AS CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR NEGOTIATIONS THIS FALL. RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUES OF STOCKS AND STOCK FINANCING COULD BUILD MOMENTUM FOR EVENUTAL RESOLUTION OF THE THORNY QUOTA AND PREFERENTIAL TRADE ISSUES. WE PLAN ON PRESENTING A NEW PLAN FOR STOCKHOLDING AND FINANCING. WE WILL CONSULT WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAJOR COUNTRIES PRIOR TO JULY 20. A SEPARATE MESSAGE WILL FOLLOW ON THE SPECIFICS OF THOSE CONSULTATIONS.

2. THE JULY SESSION MAY BE A TURNING POINT FOR THE US. LOW SUGAR PRICES WHICH THREATEN TO MOVE LOWER HAVE REVIVED STRONG PRESSURE FOR PROTECTIVE ACTION, WHICH WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE IN FORM OF IMPORT LEVIES RATHER THAN COUNTRY QUOTAS.

3. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF JULY MEETING, WE URGE EACH OF THE FIFTEEN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THE LONDON MEETING BE LED BY OFFICIALS WHO HAVE POLICY LEVEL AUTHORITY. (SEE REFTEL A) ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ IS PLANNING ON LEADING THE US DELEGATION.

4. ACTION ADDRESSES ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVELS IN HOST GOVERNMENTS OF THE ABOVE VIEWS AND URGE ATTENDANCE BY SENIOR OFFICIALS. COMMODITIES OFFICER LONDON MAY INFORM ISO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONES-PARRY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE PERMAENET REPRESENTATIVES. VANCE

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